

CLAIMS

We claim:

- 5           1. A method of entering a new file directory on a  
computer comprising:  
            displaying a file navigation icon;  
            displaying a file navigation dialogue window  
            in response to a selection of said file navigation  
10           icon, wherein said file navigation dialogue window  
comprises a plurality of sections, and further  
            wherein each section includes a different directory  
category, and each section includes at least one  
            directory in the category; and  
15           displaying contents of a directory in response  
to selection of the directory in said file  
navigation window.
2. The method of Claim 1 where said plurality of  
20           sections comprises:  
            a first section comprising a list of  
predefined default directories;  
            a second section comprising at least one user  
selected directory; and  
25           a third section comprising a last used  
directory.
3. The method of Claim 2, wherein the predefined  
default directories contain a document templates  
30           directory.
4. The method of Claim 2, wherein style and  
content of the file navigation dialogue window are  
independent of the current document context.  
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5. The method of Claim 2, wherein the last used directory contains a latest used directories of the present computer or network session.

5       6. The method of Claim 2, wherein the list of user-defined directories includes a shared user directory accessible to a plurality of users.

10       7. A method of entering a new file directory on a computer comprising:

          displaying a file open window including a file navigation icon wherein contents of a first directory are displayed in said file open window;

15       displaying a file navigation dialogue window in response to a selection of said file navigation icon, wherein said file navigation dialogue window comprises a plurality of sections, and further wherein each section includes a different directory category, and each section includes at least one directory in the category; and

20       displaying contents of a second directory, selected in said file navigation window, in said file open window where there is no predefined hierarchical relationship between said first directory and said second directory.

25       8. The method of Claim 7 wherein said plurality of sections comprises:

30       a first section comprising a list of predefined default directories;

          a second section comprising at least one user selected directory; and

          a third section comprising a last used directory.

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9. The method of Claim 8, wherein the predefined default directories contain a document templates directory.

5        10. The method of Claim 8, wherein style and content of the file navigation dialogue window are independent of the current document context.

10       11. The method of Claim 8, wherein the last used directory contains the latest used directories of the present computer or network session.

15       12. The method of Claim 8, wherein the list of user-defined directories includes a shared user directory accessible to a plurality of users.

20       13. A computer graphic user interface comprising:  
a file open window further comprising:  
a directory content window; and  
a file navigation icon wherein upon a first  
action on said file navigation icon, contents of a  
directory are displayed in said directory content  
window; and upon a second action on said file  
navigation icon, a file navigation dialogue window  
25       is displayed.

30       14. The computer graphic user interface of Claim 13 wherein said file navigation dialogue window further comprises:  
a first section comprising a list of  
predefined default directories;  
a second section comprising at least one user  
selected directory; and  
a third section comprising a last used  
35       directory.

15. The computer graphic user interface of Claim 14, wherein the predefined default directories contain document templates directory.

5        16. The computer graphic user interface of Claim 14, wherein style and content of the file navigation dialogue window are independent of the current document context.

10       17. The computer graphic user interface of Claim 14, wherein the last used directory contains the latest used directories of the present computer or network session.

15       18. The computer graphic user interface of Claim 14, wherein the list of user-defined directories includes a shared user directory accessible to a plurality of users.

20       19. A computer program product for entering a new file directory having program code adapted for:  
         displaying a file navigation icon;  
         displaying a file navigation dialogue window  
         in response to a selection of said file navigation  
25       icon, wherein said file navigation dialogue window comprises a plurality of sections, and further wherein each section includes a different directory category, and each section includes at least one directory in the category; and  
30       displaying contents of a directory in response to selection of the directory in said file navigation window.

20. The computer program product of Claim 19  
35       wherein said plurality of sections comprises:

a first section comprising a list of predefined default directories;

a second section comprising at least one user selected directory; and

5 a third section comprising a last used directory.

21. A computer program product for entering a new file directory having program code adapted for:

10 displaying a file open window including a file navigation icon wherein contents of a first directory are displayed in said file open window;

displaying a file navigation dialogue window in response to a selection of said file navigation icon, wherein said file navigation dialogue window comprises a plurality of sections, and further wherein each section includes a different directory category, and each section includes at least one directory in the category; and

20 displaying contents of a second directory, selected in said file navigation window, in said file open window where there is no required predefined relationship between a storage location of said contents of said first directory and a storage location of said contents of said second directory.

22. The computer program product of Claim 21 wherein said plurality of sections comprises:

30 a first section comprising a list of predefined default directories;

a second section comprising at least one user selected directory; and

35 a third section comprising a last used directory.

23. An apparatus comprising:  
a processor; and  
a memory coupled to said processor, and  
storing a method of entering a new file directory  
5 wherein upon execution of said method on said  
processor, said method comprises:  
displaying a file navigation icon;  
displaying a file navigation dialogue  
window in response to a selection of said file  
10 navigation icon, wherein said file navigation  
dialogue window comprises a plurality of  
sections, and further wherein each section  
includes a different directory category, and  
each section includes at least one directory  
15 in the category; and  
displaying contents of a directory in  
response to selection of the directory in said  
file navigation window.
- 20 24. The apparatus of Claim 23 wherein said  
plurality of sections comprises:  
a first section comprising a list of  
predefined default directories;  
a second section comprising at least one user  
25 selected directory; and  
a third section comprising a last used  
directory.